

Senior NCOs induct new members Oct. 29

It's that time of the year again! What you've all been waiting for—a great ceremony, good food and fun for all. It is the 2004 Kirtland AFB Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. This year, 55 of the top noncommissioned officers from Kirtland AFB will have the honor of joining a group dedicated to the concept of service, rather than personal gain, as they are inducted into the senior NCO ranks. This is a milestone in Airmen's careers, transitioning from craftsmen to supervisors freely new accepting responsibilities and the challenge of leadership and management. All TEAM KIRTLAND personnel are invited to attend.

Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Kahn, 58th Maintenance Group quality assurance chief, and president of the Kirtland AFB Chiefs Group, is the keynote guest speaker.

The Kirtland AFB Top 3 hosts the induction ceremony, Oct. 29, in the Mountain View Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7 p.m., followed by the induction ceremony. The main dinner entrees are: stuffed chicken breast and sirloin of beef. Ticket prices are \$20 for club members and their guests and \$22 for nonmembers and their guests.

Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military and formal for civilians. Tickets may be purchased from first sergeants.



Photo by Clover Hatcher

Ancient Order of St. Christopher

Lt. Col. Kellie Davila-Martinez, 377th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, receives a medal from Col. Hank Andrews, 377th Air Base Wing commander, commemorating her induction into the Ancient Order of St. Christopher, patron saint of transporters. The honors stem from Colonel Davila-Martinez's exemplary performance while supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, while serving as director of Operations for the 598th Transportation Group. Normally extended to Army personnel, membership in the order is extended to those whose actions and service contributed to the success of the transportation corps and who have performed conspicuous, long-term service for or on behalf of the transportation corps. Colonel Davila-Martinez was stationed in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and was responsible for port and vessel operations throughout the U.S. Central and European Command areas of responsibility.

Political activity rules apply to both active duty, reserves

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Citizen Airmen serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve follow the same rules governing political activity as their active-duty compatriots.

Questions about what Airmen can or cannot do abound in this presidential election year, and some situations have become national news. The rules on political activity are largely the same for all Airmen in uniform, but one area differs.

Although active duty Airmen are prohibited from holding public office, Reservists and Guardsmen can, said

Philip Donohoe, Air Force Reserve Command director of general law.

"But fulfilling the duties of these offices must stop once a Reservist or Guardsman puts on the uniform and reports for duty," Mr. Donohoe said.

Air Force Reservists and Guardsmen serving on active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. Code for more than 30 days must comply with the active duty rules contained in Air Force Instruction 51-902, "Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force." Reservists and Guardsmen who are on active duty less than 30 days follow the more general guidelines set out in Paragraph 8 of AFI 51-902.

All Reservists and Guardsmen must refrain from participating in any

political activity while in uniform and from using government facilities for political activities. Guardsmen who perform duties in Title 32 USC status should be aware of any special restrictions on political activities imposed by their respective state authorities.

While active duty Airmen may not campaign for or hold elective civil office, Reservists and Guardsmen are not so constrained. As long as they are not serving on extended active duty — defined to be active duty under a call or order for more than 270 days — Reservists may campaign for and hold partisan or nonpartisan civil office. It must be held in a private capacity and must not interfere with the performance of military du-

ties.

When Reservists and Guardsmen campaign for elective office, they must be careful to avoid using their military status as a political selling point. For example, a Reservist campaigning for office should not use political flyers that show the him in military uniform.

DOD Directive 1344.10, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty," gives guidance to all military branches and is the source for AFI 51-902. Political activities of civilian federal government employees fall under the guidance of the Hatch Act and the Joint Ethics Regulation, DOD 5500.7-R, Chapter 6, "Political Activities."

OF NOTE

377ABW.NUCLEUS@kirtland.af.mil. Deadline for Oct. 15 is today.

BLOOD DRIVES

United Blood Services blood drives on Kirtland AFB are:

Sandia Labs, **Oct. 12**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at Motorpool Complex; Oct. 19, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Bloodmobile by Schiff Auditorium National Nuclear Security Administration, **Oct. 13**, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Building 381 conference rooms A-C Air Force Research Laboratory, **Oct. 14**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Bloodmobile at Aberdeen and Carlisle Space and Missile Systems Center, Detachment 12, **Oct. 14**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Bloodmobile at Building 414 Nuclear Weapons Directorate, **Oct. 21**, 7:30-11 a.m., in the Bloodmobile by Building 20324 58th Special Operations Wing, **Oct. 22**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at Aerial Delivery Building 994

BRIEFINGS

"Protecting Your Children from the Internet," a presentation by FBI Special Agent Bill Georgi of the Albuquerque Cybercrime Division, is offered **Oct. 14**, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the theater. Parents are not to bring children 6-16 years old.

Suicide prevention briefings are **Oct. 14** at 7:15 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. in the Theater. Attend one of the sessions and get your sign-in sheet signed by Marita Smith if you have not been to a briefing last January.

Civilian time keeper training for time keepers and supervisors is **Oct. 25**, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., in the Theater.

Government Travel Card Training for cardholders is **Oct. 25**, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., in the Theater.

CONUS outbound smooth brief is **Oct. 12**, 1:30-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Resume writing workshop is **Oct. 13**, 5:30-8 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741 to register.

Home buyer's seminar is **Oct. 14** from 1-2:45 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741 to register.

Bundles for babies briefing is **Oct. 18**, 8:30-11 a.m. Register at 846-0741.

CLOSURES

Manzano Bridge approach repair work continues through November. One lane of the bridge remains open at all times and flagmen will direct traffic. Expect delays and seek alternate routes.

FINANCE

Enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Program prior to retiring from military service ensures guaranteed income for member's families. Contact SBP counselor Edward Terlaje at 846-5508.

LEISURE

The Navy birthday ball and banquet, with guest speaker Rear Admiral William H. Payne is **Oct. 23** at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel. A Naval Reservist and a New Mexico State Senator, Admiral Payne has just completed two years of active duty with the Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla. His talk will be about homeland security and terrorism. For tickets and additional information, contact

David Mathis at 299-7585 or Navydudenm@aol.com.

MEETINGS

The African-American Heritage Month planning committee meets Oct. 13 and 27, 2-3 p.m. in Room 120 of the Consolidated Support Building. Contact Cynthia Laughlin at 846-8672, 2nd Lt. Wesley Cook at 846-2517 or Master Sgt. Raymond Nivens at 846-6141.

Cub Scouts Pack 460 for students in first-fifth grades meets at Sandia Base Elementary. Cub Scouts do not need to attend Sandia Base Elementary to join the pack. Contact Cubmaster Jimmy Sneddon at 846-1113 or Dave Adair at 845-5348.

Kirtland AFB Homeschool Group meets Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. The weekly group provides support for parents by scheduling activities that allow building of relationships among homeschooling families. Activities include field trips, arts and crafts, educational activities and speakers and park days. Call Pam Garrett at 255-2295 or contact Mike Walti at Family Advocacy, 846-0139.

Veterans Affairs Benefits and Entitlements briefing is **Oct. 8**, 1-4 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

ODDS/ENDS

The commissary is open, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Columbus Day, Monday.

Parent and infant playgroups are offered 10:30 a.m.-noon, **Wednesdays** at the Youth Center and **Fridays** at Maxwell Child Development Center. Call Mike Walti or Christie in Family Advocacy Program, 846-0139.

Overall prices for issue uniforms sold at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales dropped Oct. 1. The most significant price drop is

for the temperate battle dress uniform coats and the Air Force men's and women's lightweight jackets with a decrease of \$4 in price. The price decrease is passed to military members because AAFES sells at cost and does not make a profit.

Volunteer "victims" for the Albuquerque Sunport Tri-Annual Exercise are needed Oct 14th, 7 a.m. -4 p.m. in the old Terminal Building Great Hall. Anyone 18 or older can volunteer. Contact Lance at 244-7859, LMckinney@cabq.gov or Steven at 244-7717, SPicou@cabq.gov.

Disability in Employment Awareness Month observance includes a talk by Barbara McKee, Albuquerque Journal columnist on disabilities. The talk is **Oct. 19** at 7:30 a.m. at Pennsylvania Street and G streets before a 5-kilometer run at 8 a.m. In the event of rain, the talk moves to Rio Grande Community Center.

Leaders Encouraging Airman Development program is accepting applications. This program delegates authority to unit and wing commanders to nominate highly qualified airmen to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School with the intention of academy appointment to follow. Applicants must not have passed their 22nd birthday by **July 1, 2005**. Interested applicants should contact the Education Center at 846-9933 or 846-8955 for an appointment with the guidance counselor. Deadline for applications to reach the Air Force Academy Admissions Office is **Jan. 31**.

Special commemorative coins sold at the Air Force birthday ball are still available for \$4. To place an order, contact 2nd Lt. Marietta Sanders at 846-5628.

Halloween trick-or-treating in Kirtland AFB housing is **Oct. 31**, 6-8 p.m. Residents who want to give candy should have their porch lights on during those hours.

Services have resumed in the

renovated Chapel. **Protestant and Catholic programs** are: Protestant traditional **Sunday** worship service at 8:15 a.m. followed by religious education at 9:45. Contemporary Protestant **Sunday** worship is 11:15 a.m. Catholic Mass at 9:45 a.m. is followed by Catholic program at 11:15 a.m. **Saturday** Catholic Mass is 5 p.m. Call 846-5691 for information about Chapel programs.

Air Force Reserve gives active duty experience, retirement credit and some of the benefits of being in the military. To learn about Reserve opportunities, contact Master Sgt. Vera Romano at 846-0544.

Commemorative Veterans History and Heritage coins are available for \$10 each from Master Sgt. Norris Stokes at 846-4305 or norris.stokes@kirtland.af.mil.

The new Fair Labor Standards Act overtime regulations do not affect federal civilian employees and regulations for them have not changed.

The Hispanic Heritage Month annual dance is **Oct. 15**, 7-11 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center. Tickets are \$10 a person and include light hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Live entertainment is by Grupo Zafiro, followed by music by a deejay. Contact 1st Lt. Jose Mendez at 846-4637 or jose.mendez@kirtland.af.mil.

VOLUNTEERS

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central New Mexico seeks caring, responsible adults to spend an hour weekly with children at their schools. BBBS volunteers will help students with homework, play games, read book and spend quality time while being a role model. Call Valerie at 837-9223 or visit www.bbbs-cnm.org.